

Senate Resolution 1525

By: Senators Buckner of the 44th, Seay of the 34th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Justice Carol W. Hunstein; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Justice Carol W. Hunstein has long been recognized for her fair, balanced, and
3 thorough consideration of the issues and legal principles and precedents as a Justice of the
4 Georgia Supreme Court; and

5 WHEREAS, after earning her law degree from Stetson University, Justice Hunstein began
6 her legal career in private practice before being elected to the Superior Court of DeKalb
7 County in 1984; and

8 WHEREAS, as a Superior Court judge, Justice Hunstein chaired many DeKalb County
9 Committees, including the Alimony and Support Unit Committee, the Diversion Center
10 Committee, the Probation Committee, and the Domestic Violence Task Force; and

11 WHEREAS, appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in 1992 by Governor Zell Miller,
12 Justice Hunstein is the second woman in history to serve as a permanent member of the
13 Supreme Court; and

14 WHEREAS, during her distinguished judicial career, Justice Hunstein has been recognized
15 with numerous awards, such as the Commitment to Equality Award from the Georgia Bar
16 Association, the Joseph T. Tuggle Professionalism Award, and the Margaret Brent Award
17 from the American Bar Association; and

18 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2009, Justice Hunstein was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Georgia
19 Supreme Court; and

20 WHEREAS, along with the prestigious honor of being named Chief Justice of the Supreme
21 Court, Justice Hunstein was recognized with the Magnolia Leadership Award from the
22 Georgia Commission on Women and the Georgia Women's Institute; and

23 WHEREAS, Justice Hunstein has earned a reputation as a clear thinker and hard worker, as
24 a judge whose opinions are supported by meticulous research and careful consideration, and
25 as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and
26 fair play; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
30 commend Justice Carol W. Hunstein on her outstanding judicial service to the State of
31 Georgia and congratulate her upon the grand occasion of being sworn in as Chief Justice of
32 the Georgia Supreme Court.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Justice Carol W. Hunstein.